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## AKIHITO MAY GO TO HARVARD

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## N.S.W. Virtually Paralyzed By Strikes

Canberra, Dec. 12. Prime Minister Joseph Chifley and Union leaders ended a six-hour conference yesterday without reaching any agreement or settling the paralyzing New South Wales coal, steel and shipping strikes.

The failure of the conference to find a solution was announced by the President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, P. J. Clancy, who said that the Brokenhill Proprietary Steel Organisation had rejected the A.C.T.U. proposals to get the men back to work.

The A.C.T.U. and the Unions, Clancy added in a press statement, would endeavour to have the A.C.T.U. proposals further considered by the British House of Commons.

Premier Chifley refused to make any statement but it was reported he had pleaded that the Unions should "uphold the arbitration system."

Earlier, as the meeting began, the Minister for Health, Mr. Christopher Kelly, ordered hospitals to discharge at once all patients who were not too ill to leave, due to the shortage of electric power.

## HOSPITAL EMERGENCY

New admissions will be restricted to maternity cases and urgent surgical and medical cases, he said.

An additional 300 passenger trains were also taken out of the service.

Each day, more coal burning ships are being tied up because of the shortage of fuel.

Government and Council officials said that if the coal strike continued into the next week it would mean sharper cuts in the use of electric power, probably its restriction for maintenance of water, sewage and a narrower group of essential services.

Already virtually all industry has been halted and home cooking and lighting severely restricted.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of milk weekly are poured into rivers. This was formerly used for jecroom and milk-shakes which are now banned.

The slaughter of cattle has also ceased.—Associated Press.

## GEN. PATTON RALLYING

HEIDELBERG, DEC. 12. GENERAL GEORGE PATTON, WHO WAS INJURED ON SUNDAY MORNING AS A RESULT OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, IS REPORTED TO BE RALLYING WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT FROM THE PARALYSIS RESULTING FROM HIS NECK FRACTURE.

His wife, who flew from the United States, is now at his bedside.

The hospital authorities said that Patton's general condition remains satisfactory and that he is feeling comfortable, taking nourishment. He is fully conscious and rational.—Associated Press.

## Two and Two

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Mr. Piratin: Will you explain the reason for the instruction?

Mr. Lawson: I should have thought that obvious.—Reuter.

## Mistaken Idea

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Howard Observatory, compares destruction of the Japanese cyclotron equipment to burning books.

He told an audience gathered that the cyclotron was smashed "through mistaken ideas as to its use. Somebody in authority erred in giving the order." Associated Press.

## Would-Be Looters Shot At Kai Tak

TWO WOULD-BE LOOTERS ARE LYING IN HOSPITAL WITH LEG AND GROIN WOUNDS FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO STEAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE R.A.F. STATION, KAI TAK.

As a result of an earlier night raid in which looters broke into a store and got away with radio equipment worth about \$1,600, special guards were mounted, and one gang of either five or six men walked straight into the trap prepared for them.

Armed with a bamboo pole with hooks at the end, presumably for lifting loot over the fence, the gang got on to the station through a culvert running beneath the road. They were spotted by aircraft guards, who called out a patrol of 2078 R.A.F. Regiment Squadron led by Flt. Lt. W. R. Laidlaw, of 14, Gray Street, Cumnock, Ayrshire.

CAUGHT BY SEARCHLIGHT Caught in the beam of a searchlight as they were challenged, the raiders refused to stop. The patrol fired only five rounds from their rifles, but in the uncertain light they wounded two of the men, who were taken into custody, and probably wounded another, since a trail of blood was discovered leading from the scene of the capture to the road.

The incident may be taken to indicate that any other prospective looters at Kai Tak can expect very short shift.

## JAPAN'S WORST NAVAL DISASTER

TOKYO, DEC. 12. JAPANESE NAVAL CAPT. TOSHIKAZU OHMAE TOLD TO-DAY HOW THE NEWEST NIPPONESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS SUNK BY AN AMERICAN SUBMARINE IN HER FIRST ENGAGEMENT NEAR THE PHILIPPINES IN 1944. HE SAID ANOTHER CARRIER, THE 30,000-TON "CHOKAKU," WAS SUNK IN THE SAME ENGAGEMENT.

Ohmae said the flagship "Tai sho" in the battle of the Philippines was hit by a torpedo, escaped northward and then exploded and sank quickly, with only a few crew members surviving.

Ohmae said the first battle of the Philippines was the most decisive naval engagement of the war.—Associated Press.

## BAND LEADER'S CLAIM To Reinstatement

LONDON, DEC. 12. A BAND LEADER, BERNARD GILBRAITH, OF VILLIERS STREET, WEST, WHO SERVED FIVE YEARS AS AN AIR GUNNER IN THE R. A. F., ASKED THE WEST-MINSTER REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE TO-DAY TO ORDER HIS REINSTATEMENT BY THE LANDS-DOWN RESTAURANT, MAYFAIR LTD, OF BERKELEY SQUARE, WEST, WHO, GILBRAITH CLAIMED, WERE HIS FORMER EMPLOYERS.

For Mayfair Ltd. it was said the firm were not Gilbraith's former employers because the relationship had not been that of master and servant.

Members of the band were not under the control of the restaurant in the legal sense. Gilbraith, not the firm, had been responsible for any dismissals of any members of the band.—Reuter.

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## WAR DECLARED ON CRIMINALS

LONDON, DEC. 12. BRITAIN'S POLICE TO-DAY CALLED ON EVERYONE TO HELP THEM BEAT THE COUNTRY'S GREATEST-EVER CRIME WAVE. LONDON'S POLICE WANT EVERY MAN WHO WILL TO VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY AS A SPECIAL PART-TIME CONSTABLE.

OBJECT OF THE CALL TO CIVILIANS IS TO ENABLE REGULAR POLICEMEN TO BE TAKEN OFF ROUTINE DUTIES AND TRANSFERRED TO CRIME DETECTION.

All day yesterday the B.I.C. broadcast appeals to the public to dial 999 if they see anything suspicious.

Last night and early to-day a special watch was kept on all main roads around London and all railway stations for five armed bandits who, after robbing a country house near Leatherhead, Surrey, yesterday escaped at Collier's Wood after an 80 m.p.h. car chase by police.

Glasgow police were to-day watching all roads out of the city, railway stations and the docks for a red-headed gunman who killed a woman clerk and wounded a boy and a porter-clerk at one of Glasgow's stations.

The wounded boy, Robert Gough, 16-year-old apprentice, is gravely ill.

The man dashed into the station master's office at Pollok-shield East, firing a pistol held chest high. Annie Withers, 36, a clerk, died of wounds.

William Wright, 42, porter-clerk, was not badly injured and was able to tell detectives what had happened.

The man is described as about 30 to 35. He wore a light-colored raincoat resembling a "demo" coat and a soft felt hat. The weapon was a German Luger type, common as souvenirs among the troops.

NO MONEY The gunman searched the safe but found no money.

The type of gun he used is regarded as significant in view of the fact that a large number of army deserters are being blamed for much of the crime. (Continued on Page 6)

## HOMMA SMILES ON WAY TO TRIAL

TOKYO, DEC. 12. LT-GEN MASAHARU HOMMA LEFT GRM SUGAMO PRISON AT 6:25 A.M. TO-DAY TO FLY TO MANILA TO FACE WAR CRIMINAL CHARGES, INCLUDING THE ACCUSATION THAT HE PERMITTED FORCES UNDER HIS COMMAND TO MAKE AMERICAN AND FILIPINO PRISONERS PARTICIPATE IN THE "DEATH MARCH" FROM BATAAN IN 1942.

HOMMA IS ACCOMPANIED BY COL. AKIRA NAGAHAMA, COMMANDER OF THE DREADED KEMPEITAI OR MILITARY POLICE IN MANILA FROM LATE 1942 TO 1945, AND LT-COL. SAICHI OHTA, WHO HAD THE SAME PHILIPPINE COMMAND IN 1942. THEY LEFT IN CUSTODY OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS.

The two colonels are accused of permitting their men to commit atrocities.

Big, smiling Homma waved good-bye to the commander of the prison as he stepped into the ambulance which took him to Atsugi airfield on the first leg of his trip.

He was the cheeriest of the trio as they came from the prison in the cold-morning air, each carrying his little satchel of personal belongings.

Ohta was frowning and Nagahama attempted to hide his face as an Associated Press photographer snapped a picture of the departure.—Associated Press.

## First Snow In England

LONDON, DEC. 12. THE FIRST SNOW OF WINTER IN THE LONDON AREA FELL LAST NIGHT IN HARROW.

A bitterly cold fog which was accompanied by frost covered the greater part of the country.

This ended one of Britain's coldest days of the winter and caused a severe traffic hold-up. Worst areas were Lancashire, Cheshire, the Midlands, Gloustershire and Solway, yet the sun shone all day at Edinburgh and Aberdeen.—Reuter.

## NO MORE HEARINGS

Washington, Dec. 12. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee to-day wound up its investigation into former U.S. Ambassador Patrick Hurley's charges that career diplomats sabotaged American policy in China.

The Committee took no ballot at the close of the session.

The Committee members disclosed that there will be no more hearings.—Associated Press.

## BRITONS' PART IN SHANGHAI'S FUTURE

SHANGHAI, DEC. 12. CALLING TO MIND THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE BRITISH PEOPLE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE MAKING OF SHANGHAI, MR. A. G. N. OGDEN, BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL, IN ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE BRITISH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE REMAINING HERE WOULD HELP IN THE TASK OF RESTORING TO SHANGHAI ITS FORMER EMINENT POSITION.

He hoped that those British people who were repatriating would take the opportunity of studying the changes at home after these long years of war and that when they returned refreshed to Shanghai, they all would take up the task which their forefathers had carried through so well during the last hundred years.

In his report the Chairman, Mr. W. G. Braidwood, expressed optimism regarding the future of British trade in China.

"Chinese leaders," he said, "have frequently stated that foreign capital will be welcome and would be treated on the same basis as Chinese capital, and that foreign technicians were both necessary and welcome."

CAN PLAY PART "China has a tremendous task in the work of repairing the damage caused to the country by the Japanese and in reconstruction generally, and British people who have lived so long in China and who have so many friends among the Chinese and understand the country and its problems, can play their part in this reconstruction and in assisting to raise the standard of living in China."

"I feel, therefore, that once the initial difficulties have been surmounted and the exchange question has been settled and imports and exports begin to flow once more, we shall be able to look to the future with confidence, which I am sure will bring a continuation of the good relations between Great Britain and China, which have existed for so long.—Reuter.

## JAPS CAUGHT BY WINTER

PEIPING, DEC. 12. JAPANESE CIVILIANS CAUGHT IN THE WINTER'S GRIP AS THEY AWAIT REPARATION ARE DYING OFF BY THE HUNDREDS.

Six hundred deaths are reported among 8,000 who travelled about with occasional train rides from Shansi province to Fengtai.

They found no evacuation plans made for them. A spokesman, appealing for clothes, medicine and food said that the Japanese are dying at the rate of 20 daily.

The Chinese control commission has promised to try to speed up the removal of civilians.—Associated Press.

## Huge Sum Paid For Stallion

London, Dec. 12. A statement by the Aga Khan, in a letter to the "Chronicle," that he has disposed of the stallion Stardust for £112,000, came as news to British turf enthusiasts.

Among Stardust's produce are the Maharajah-Guekwar of Baroda's Maharaj Kumar, who won four of his five races as a two-year-old this year, and Joan's Star, which ran second in the Cambridgehire.

Stardust was bred at the National Stud, and Prince Aly Khan paid only 1,450 guineas for him as a yearling. Stardust won three races as a two-year-old, and as a three-year-old ran second in the 2,000 Guineas to Djebel, and in the St. Leger to Turkish.

Last season he sired eight winners of 15 races and three of his foals were sold for an average of 1,700 guineas at the recent Newmarket December Sales.

The stallion has been bought by a British breeding syndicate. There are 40 shares of £2,800 each. Stardust will remain at the Gifford Stud in Eire, purchased by Prince Aly Khan from the late Lord Furness.—Reuter.

## VICAR GOES DOWN TO OLD DUN COW

LONDON, DEC. 12. AFTER THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT THE BLITZED ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, AVONDALE SQUARE, OLD KENT ROAD, 160 WORSHIPPERS ADJOURNED TO THE DUN COW PUBLIC HOUSE, WHERE THEIR VICAR FOR 25 YEARS, THE REV. JAMES FRANKLIN HUMPHREYS, HAD ARRANGED HIS SILVER JUBILEE PARTY.

None of the parishioners or guests, among them Lord Tennyson, grandson of the poet, was surprised by the choice of place, for many are accustomed to talk with "Old Jim," as they call their vicar, over a glass of beer in the "local" on weekday-evening.

The jovial 63-year-old all-round sportsman was asked what were his views on "Sunday pubs."

"What's wrong with them?" he replied. "Show me a better place for people than pub."

A silver cupping trophy had been re-engraved and was presented to "Old Jim" at the church for use as a Communion cup. At the Dun Cow both the vicar and his wife each received a wrist watch from the parishioners.—Reuter.

## WELL-BALANCED TEAM

London, Dec. 12. The view that Mr. Bovin has collected a well-balanced team to serve on the Anglo-American Palestine Committee is expressed to-day by the "Manchester Guardian."

The journal adds: "It would be out of place to comment on the American members, all of whom have a distinguished record, though some eyebrows may be raised in this country at the choice of Mr. Phillips, whose experience as President Roosevelt's special envoy in India were not altogether happy."—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 12. The United States Treasury Department to-day announced that Victory Loan sales total \$17,207,000,000 or 150.4 per cent. over the \$11,000,000,000 goal.—Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 12. A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was to-day sold for \$90,000, which was the highest price paid since 1937.—Associated Press.

## China Peace Talks Held Up

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. NATIONALIST SOURCES HERE EXPRESS THE BELIEF THAT BECAUSE OF THE TARDINESS OF THE COMMUNISTS, THE SCHEDULED PEACE DISCUSSIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE STILL FURTHER DELAYED.

The parleys were set originally to begin around Nov. 20, then postponed to the first week of December and again to about the 10th. Now, according to Nationalist quarters, they are not likely to begin until after the 15th.

Reason for the delay is said to be the fact that Gen. Chou En-lai and other Communist negotiators have further postponed their departure from Yunnan. They are not now due in Chungking until late this week.—Associated Press.

## MIDDLE EAST PACT

Paris, Dec. 12. M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, to-day told a meeting of the French Cabinet that negotiations between Britain and France for a Middle East agreement were making favourable progress, an official French communique stated.—Reuter.



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruckonjee wish to inform their friends who have been invited to the marriage of their daughter on Saturday, December 15th, that the ceremony will take place at 6.30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as in the invitation card. The guests are therefore kindly requested to be present at 6.15 p.m. instead of 5.45 p.m.

## PALESTINE PROBLEM

Announcement of the appointment of a joint Anglo-American Commission to examine the disputed problems of Palestine and the finding of new homes for the victims of European mass murder and persecution is widely being met with enthusiasm from either Zionists or the Arabs. It is difficult to receive, indeed, any procedure capable of evoking a satisfactory response. The terrible sufferings of European Jewry, of whom from 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 have been massacred in the last six years, cry aloud to the conscience of humanity, and there can scarcely be a limit to the sympathy which the world owes to a people so grievously wronged. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that the Zionist pressure for mass migration to Palestine has met with favour in the United States and men of goodwill everywhere. The hard core of fact, however, remains that if the solution of the problem of Palestine was as simple as has been submitted, it would long ago have ceased to be a problem. To view the situation as though the Arab side could be brushed aside as of no account, is dangerous oversimplification. The truth is that Palestine can only be regarded as wide open to Jewish immigration if Britain's mandatory obligations are ignored or defied. Much anxious thought has been devoted in past years to the possible reconciliation of Jewish and Arab claims, and no satisfactory means to it has yet been devised. Nevertheless there are certain basic considerations which still possess their old validity. It would appear that so long as both sides claim the whole of Palestine as their political field no adjustment can be made without violating the rights of one side or the other. But just as there are Jews who do not share the Zionist view that the national home must embrace all Palestine and even Transjordan, so there are Arabs prepared to accept the existence of a Jewish majority in parts of the country. Equitably to divide so small an area is difficult; indeed after this Woodhead commission had reported in 1938 the Government of the day pronounced partition impracticable. But no one has successfully disputed the contention of the Royal Commission that only partition can reconcile the growth of a Jewish national home whose destiny shall be entirely under Jewish control with the rights of the Arab community to the secure pursuit of their own political development. Such a plan, in spite of all inherent difficulties, possesses the additional advantage of enabling the problem of the Holy Places, sacred as they are to three great world religions, to be separated from the question of adjusting political relations between Jew and Arab. The institution of a territorial limitation within Palestine to the national home would enable it to develop into a national State without hostility from the Arab population of the remainder of the country, who would then be able to advance through representative institutions to political independence and to close relations possibly federal in form with other Arab States. In Britain alone were concerned in the future of Palestine, she might well be

## Fleet Club Putting On 2,000 Meals A Day

## Cannibalism In Leyte

Tokyo, Dec. 12. A returning Japanese infantryman told Kyodo news agency that starving Japanese troops on Leyte finally resorted to killing and eating fellow soldiers in extreme cases. The soldier, Superior Private Shigen Aoki, said the officers had plenty of food, and also had Filipino women at their call up to the time of the surrender. Associated Press.

## American On A Cook's Tour

A SECOND PARTY OF AMERICAN G.I.s TOURED THE COLONY YESTERDAY ON A TRIP ORGANISED BY UNITED STATES ARMY H.Q. AT SHANGHAI FOR U.S. ARMY AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WHO WANT TO SEE MORE OF THE FAR EAST. The party consisted of 45 men. Their purchases locally included a Chow pin and many bunches of bananas. Personnel on the trip were all Shanghai based. They are to spend two days in Canton. There will be several more such trips, which will be twice weekly for this month. The party landed at Kai Tak and were brought over to Blake Pier in the morning, boarding for Kai Tak once more at 4 p.m. and leaving for Canton at 4.30 o'clock. The visitors were not permitted to cross the harbour to Kowloon, presumably to avoid the possibility of anyone getting lost in glamorous Hong Kong.

## GRAPEJUICE CONFISCATED

For possession of four tins of grape juice of a type issued to the Forces, Ko Yik-kwan was fined \$5 by C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday. It was stated that accused was selling the goods in Pottinger Street, and was apprehended by Marine patrols on Tuesday night. Accused was warned that he should not purchase or sell this type of canned goods in future. The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

## GIRL GUIDES MEETING

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association held at the Victoria St. Andrews Church, Miss Dorothy Lee was elected Commissioner for the Colony. Miss Lee has been a girl guide for many years. Mrs. C. M. Bird was elected Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 28 at 6.30 p.m. at the Fire Brigade Bldg, 3rd floor. All Guides are welcome.

## END OF MORRISON HILL ROAD ASSAULT CASE

THE CASE BETWEEN MOSES NG AND SHIN KA-SING, INVOLVING AN ASSAULT SUMMONS, WAS CONCLUDED AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT BEFORE MR. C. Y. KWAN WHEN HE DELIVERED JUDGEMENT YESTERDAY.

Shin Ka-sing sued Moses Ng claiming that Ng struck him in the left eye at No. 16, Morrison Hill Road, third floor, the residence of Miss Diana Chan on October 31. Moses Ng brought a counter-summons against Shin for calling him a traitor and also for assault and threatening him with injury.

Mr. F. Zimmerman appeared for Shin and Mr. Hin Shing Lo for Ng.

Mr. Kwan in his judgment said: "Having considered the evidence I have come to the following conclusions:—

There is insufficient evidence to substantiate the charge that

excused for reluctance to devote further efforts to the honouring of an obligation on that has at times seemed impossible of execution. But she is also bound by a wider obligation to the United Nations—'including the British Dominions'—as trustees of their general interest in the tranquility of the Middle East. In her endeavours to reconcile the rights of Jew and Arab she is entitled to expect from her allies, whether in East or West, co-operation in the fulfilment of her duty, who are successful accomplishment is essential to international security.

WITH SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND LIBERTY MEN ASHORE ON SUCH GALA OCCASIONS AS DAY. THE CHINA FLEET CLUB, WHICH HAS BEEN STEADILY PUTTING ON ONE AMENITY AFTER ANOTHER ON ITS LIST OF FEATURES FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OF SHORE-BASED AND LIBERTY MEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY, HAS SIGNED A SIGH OF SATISFACTION AND IS PROUDLY EXHIBITING A BALANCE SHEET THAT SHOWS A GOOD MARGIN ON THE CREDIT SIDE.

THE CLUB, WHICH HAS CATERED TO THE ROYAL NAVY, THE MERCHANT NAVY, AND ALL MEN IN EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH NAVAL OR MERCHANT MARINE AFFAIRS FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE THE WAR IS DOING A SIMILAR JOB TO-DAY AND ON A SCALE MUCH LARGER THAN ANY KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY.

There are 2,000 cooked meals served daily and 4,800 bottles of beer find customers nightly at the bar.

There are two restaurants, one for Chief and Petty Officers, and the other for junior ratings. There are, similarly, two bars. There is a reading and recreation room, and cinema shows daily at 4.00 and 7.30 p.m. when the latest films are shown to members. The cinema seats about 480.

Preparations are in hand for Christmas and 30 two-days have already been guaranteed. On Boxing Day there is to be a dance to which ladies of the community will be invited.

Though about 80 per cent of everything consumed at the restaurant is locally bought, prices are far below the levels set at even the cheaper cafes in town and the food is well-cooked, naval favourite such as sliced lobster and salad and fried eggs (three per portion) with chips being available at \$3 and \$1.50 a portion respectively.

KITCHEN STAFF OF 60. The Club employs a kitchen staff of 60 and pays its own way. It is successfully battling local prices and is even going all out to bring the price of beer down. In short, it is doing the servicemen, all of whom are cordially invited to use the club's amenities, and the Colony as a whole a service by setting a much needed example.

In charge, as manager, is C.P.O. Writer Wm. J. Waghorn, who told our reporter that he liked the co-operative spirit of the local populace and intends to stay in Hong Kong, with Chief Petty Officer F. C. Sayers as Assistant Manager.

Mr. Waghorn, who has been with the Royal Navy for 22 years, came here on H.M.S. Montcalm. He pays tribute to the work done in the initial stages of repair and rehabilitation to the premises by the company of H.M.S. Vengeance (Capt. D. L. M. Neame, D.S.O., Commander) and to the immediate and generous support of practically every ship in harbour.

PAYING CONCERN. The Club, Mr. Waghorn told us, is run by the Fleet for the Fleet. It is a paying concern and the work of repair, etc. is being paid for by subscriptions from different Naval units that have already reached the sum of \$5,000 Sterling.

Furniture has been sent to the Club from the British Centre at Sydney, and more is expected. The wear and tear, with the large

numbers using it, has already reduced to a shambles some of the armchairs and chairs specially designed against being easily damaged, but the Club is cheerfully expecting more.

H.M.S. Vengeance carried out the initial cleaning, repair and rehabilitation of the Club. Many other ships have helped and the Club reopened on September 17. N.A.A.F.I. undertook the organisation of the beer bars from the initial opening until November 3, since when the Club has purchased beer from the N.A.A.F.I. and run its own accommodation.

Two restaurants have been redecorated and opened up for business on November 2, since when excellent trading returns have been achieved. The restaurants are run by a compradore, the Club fixing the prices and taking 15 per cent gross takings.

The Club is using the ground and first floor only, the running on two floors being under temporary requisition for the accommodation of shore-based personnel. These will be released to the Club as soon as alternative accommodation can be arranged.

During the Japanese occupation the decorations of the Club have been neglected and furniture and fittings removed. With regard to redecoration, arrangements have been made for the necessary work to be put in hand as a charge to Club funds, the necessary contract being arranged in conjunction with the S.C.E.I. Department.

The two floors occupied by the Club may be considered adequately furnished at present—although it will be appreciated that the furniture is not standard throughout. Much furniture has been obtained through service channels on loan and a consignment has come by the S.N.S.C. Sydney on similar lines. It is possible more furniture will be received through the British Centre, Sydney. Negotiations are proceeding.

CINEMA SHOWS. The Club Cinema is functioning and giving performances twice daily.

Mr. Sprouner and Mr. Max Lawton from the British Centre at Sydney visited the Club last month. They had down on from Sydney in order to survey Hong Kong from an amenities point of view and as a section of the British Centre at Sydney is closing down, they also brought with them a list of equipment which is available for transfer to Hong Kong on suitable terms.

On Sunday mornings the Theatre has been loaned for the purpose of holding alternately a Church of England and a Church of Scotland service.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## To Whom?

Sir,—I have read with interest the Government's proposals for fixing wage levels in Hong Kong, but unfortunately the facts provided do not show clearly what exactly is intended.

The impression I get is that the intention is to bring the wage scales in the Colony back to their pre-war levels, using the food price index in justification. In other words, when prices of commodities fall sufficiently, Government must force wages down to the point which compelled the mass of the population before the war to exist on the starvation border.

The excuse is economic necessity. Do social conditions never enter into consideration? It is really true that deplorable wages and living conditions are a sinister non-Hong Kong prospect? When prosperity is referred to in this connection, to whom does it apply?

REFORMER.

DOWN TO LAST ONE, ALMOST!

Sir,—Could you please help us in the following matter? Which has the bigger population, China or India, and by how many? Figuring you can oblige.

(China 457,835,475; India 352,837,778.—Ed.)

An attempted armed robbery at the Luon Hing Lung poultry dealers, No. 10, Waterloo Road, at about eight o'clock last night was frustrated when the accountant of the firm burgled himself in the office. Four men took part in the attempt, all armed with revolvers. After some effort to force the door of the office, they left hurriedly.

## School For Scandal?

Chungking, Dec. 12. Among the latest charges made by the Nationalists against the Communists is that they have opened a school for Make Hsiao near Kuai-shan, capital of Sui-shan province. Pupils are said to be over 400 young women abducted from various districts in north-western Shanxi who are undergoing "rigorous training in espionage and propaganda." Associated Press.

## Flag Raising Ceremony In Swatow

Swatow, Dec. 12. On December 8, that is just four years after the outbreak of the Pacific War, the flag of the British Consulate at Swatow was again raised. Those present at the flag-raising ceremony were the British Consul-General from Canton, General Lin Chen-te, and Colonel Yang Jui-yun representing the Border Command; two representatives of Far Eastern Shipping Agencies; a representative of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Captain and members of the crew of S.S. "Esang".

The British Consul-General said: "Gentlemen, this raising of the British flag is an act of faith in our future. Without faith we can accomplish nothing, we can move not only ordinary mountains, but also mountains of cargo to and from Swatow. In spite of almost superhuman difficulties we have come through this war victorious and so with an effort we can must and will come through the peace. Just as this flag is able to rise again on high, so can our national fortunes."

The British Consulate is being repaired so that it will be ready for occupation at a later date. —London Press Service.

## GENERAL PUN LEAVING

General Pun Wah-kwok, popular head of the Chinese Military Mission in Hong Kong, was to have left yesterday morning for Chungking, but owing to a delay in the arrival of the C.N.A.C. plane from Canton, his departure has been postponed until Friday morning.

General Pun is relinquishing his post as head of the military mission to take up another important appointment, and his place is being taken over by General Mok Ya-shuek who is now in the Colony.

In an interview on the eve of his departure, General Pun expressed appreciation and thanks for the courtesies and co-operation extended to him by the British authorities, his American friends and all sections of the Chinese community during his three-months' stay here.

He wished in particular to thank H.E. Admiral Harcourt and Major-General Festing for their many kindnesses. The work of the mission is not yet finished but it is being left in capable hands.

## Tramways Well On The Road Back

THE RESTORATION OF AN EFFICIENT SERVICE WITHIN A FORNIGHT OF THE REOCCUPATION OF HONG KONG AND THE COMPLETION OF EXTENSIVE REPAIRS TO MILES OF TRACKS AND OVERHEAD WIRING SINCE THEN ARE SOME OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS COMPANY.

CONSIDERING THAT NO MAINTENANCE SERVICE WAS KEPT DURING THE WHOLE OF THE OCCUPATION PERIOD AND THE SHOCKING STATE OF THE REPAIR SHOPS AND THE COMPANY ON THE WHOLE, THE PRESENT STAFF OF THE COMPANY HAS DONE A REMARKABLE JOB IN PUTTING INTO SHAPE ONE OF THE COLONY'S MAIN MEANS OF CONVEYANCE.

The fact that fifty per cent of the number of cars, as compared to the pre-war figure, is running already speaks for itself.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, an official of the Tramway Company stated that so far as track and overhead equipment were concerned, the only portion of the former routes not yet restored is that from Talkoo Dockyard to Shaukwan.

The opening of this section of the line, he stated, depends on the arrival of engineering equipment from Home. The company has ordered large supplies of equipment of all kinds.

What the company was taken over from the Japanese, there were 13 cars running but since the service was resumed on Sept. 1 by the rightful owner, the number of cars has been trebled. There are now 45 cars in operation. More are under-

## COMMUNISTS ON NEW CLASHES

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. THE COMMUNISTS TO-DAY REPORTED THAT THEIR TROOPS ARE CLOSING IN ON TWO TOWNS ON THE TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILROAD NORTH OF TSI-NANFU, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SHANTUNG, THE TOWNS ARE IDENTIFIED AS YUCHENG AND PING-YUAN.

THE COMMUNISTS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE CLASHED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PEIPING-HANKOW RAILROAD, AND LISTED RESULTS BETWEEN NOV. 19 AND 30 ADMITTED THE LOSS OF 11 TOWNSHIPS.

Seven of these were located within 30 miles of Hankow and the other four were situated 75 miles north-west of Hankow.

The Communists alleged that the Nationalist forces have placed fully armed Japanese troops on garrison duty during their attacks.

Communist dispatches from Yenan reported the establishment of a war crimes commission and said that the arrest of two prominent Inner Mongol leaders, Prince Teh and Li Houshan has been ordered.

Prince Teh recently visited Chungking where he is believed to have offered full support to the National Government.

The Communists described Li Houshan as the Commander-in-Chief of the puppet forces in Inner Mongolia but did not indicate whether they had any means of implementing the order for his arrest or that of Prince Teh.

The Communists to-day intensified their raids on Nationalist northern supply lines as Russia agreed to permit airborne reinforcement of Central Government troops to Manchuria.

Nationalist sources reported "necre artillery duels" between defenders of Kweilung and besieging Communists.

They charge the Communists with carrying out a scorched earth policy in Suiyuan province. They are alleged to have destroyed tracks and various installations along the Peiping-Suiyuan railroad between Kweilung and Paotow.

In contradiction, Communists have been repairing the railroad and that traffic is running on certain sections. —Associated Press.

## GOVERNOR OF KWANGTUNG LEAVES

The Governor of Kwangtung, General Lo Cheuk-ying, brought his visit to a close yesterday morning, when he and his entourage left by train for Canton.

On the platform to see him off were His Excellency the C-in-C, and high officials, members of the Chinese Military Mission, and representatives of the Kuomintang and other Chinese organisations.

## OFF MACAO RUN

The Hongkong-Yaumat ferry boat Mon Hing which has been on the Hongkong-Macao run has now been withdrawn from this service. She will now be used to augment the Hongkong and Yaumat ferry service and permit one of the other ferries at present on the run to go for overhaul.

## EAST RIVER GUERRILLAS GIVE FIGURES

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE EAST RIVER COLUMN OF GUERRILLAS YESTERDAY ISSUED FIGURES OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN THE PERIOD DECEMBER, 1943, TO NOVEMBER, 1945.

It is pointed out, in an accompanying statement, that owing to insufficient check-up at scattered points, the list of booty captured is incomplete.

The statement details results as follows:

Number of engagements, large and small 853.

Number of Japs and puppets killed 1,787 men (774 Japs including a Jap major-general and a colonel).

Number of Japs and puppets wounded 1,803 men (415 Japs including a Japanese 1st lieutenant).

Number of Japs and puppets captured 2,251 (48 Japs).

Number of Japs and puppets surrendered 1,690 (including 35 Japs, 17 Indians, 1 puppet police battalion commander and 1 puppet police company commander).

Weapons captured: Heavy machine guns, 16; Light machine guns, 72; Tommy guns, 12; Ack-Ack machine guns, 2; Machine guns, large size, 13; Guns, 3; Guns, local, 7; Mortar, 1; Rifles and Pistols, 4,284; Ammunition, various kinds, 109,968; Gun shells, 236; Hand-grenades, 647.

Boaty captured: Boats (steam boats, motorised junks and fishing junks), 39; Bicycles, 10; Horses, 23; Bayonets, 829; Swords, 16; Radio sets, 2; Telephones, 8; Blankets, 1,954; Rice, 100,000 catties; Mats, 100,000; and other materials, 12,000 piculs.

Defences, Communications, etc., demolished: Railway, 65; Highways, 280; Bridges, 68; Pillboxes, 50; Hangars, 1; Trucks, 5; Ships and junks, 17; Electric wires, cut down, 8,484 catties.

Points, small and big, liberated: In the east of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, 26 places; In the area, west of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, 39 places; Tsz-chung and Pok-lo Area, north of the East River, 18 places.

Casualties and loss of the East River Column: Casualties: Heavy and slightly wounded, 408; Killed, 238; Loss: Light machine guns, 2; Tommy gun, 1; Rifles and pistols, 230; Ammunition, 78,863; Hand-grenades, 36; Bayonets, 15; Junks, 6.

## Another Through Train

To cope with the increasingly heavy passenger traffic on the through express, the Railway Administration in Canton is said to be planning to convert the mid-day train to Shenchow into a through train to Kowloon.

The mid-day train, which had been closed to passenger traffic for some days on account of troop movements, resumed the taking passengers on the December 12.

At present from 2,000 to 3,000 persons queue up for tickets every morning, most of them for Kowloon, and as the accommodation for through passengers is at present limited to 1,100, the rest of them book by the mid-day train to Shenchow. They make the remainder of the journey to Kowloon by motor-truck.

When two trains a day run to Kowloon, the pressure on the express will be relieved, as the mid-day train has accommodation for about 900 passengers.

## BENEFIT OF DOUBT

Pung Wing, lorry-driver of No. 2 M.T. Pool, was charged before Lt. Nigel at Kowloon for the larceny of two cans of petrol valued at \$45.

Cpl. Webb, R.A.F., testified that on the morning of Dec. 7 he and two Chinese stopped accused in front of the Pool at the accused was driving his lorry out. On searching the lorry he found that the fuel boxes were locked. He found the two cans of petrol inside.

Accused said that the previous afternoon he noticed the boxes were locked but Cpl. Webb said he noticed the boxes were locked. Evidence against accused was not sufficient and he was acquitted.



# REMOVING MISUNDERSTANDING Big Three Meeting In Moscow Widely Approved

## No Abandonment Of Principles

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 12. AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE ABOUT THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE "BIG THREE," REACTIONS AMONG OBSERVERS IN LONDON ARE BEGINNING TO CRYSTALLISE IN TWO DIRECTIONS.

FIRSTLY, THERE IS UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE DECLARED AIM OF THE CONFERENCE INsofar AS THEY ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS REMOVING SUSPICIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS BEFORE THE THREE POWERS MEET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

Discussion of atomic control is particularly welcomed as a practical and necessary curtain raiser to the General Assembly. The absence of Sir John Anderson, Britain's chief atomic delegate to the Anglo-American-Canadian talks in Washington, from the British delegation to Moscow is presumably explained by the fact that the question will be discussed there not in its technical aspects, but as it affects political and diplomatic problems, with which, of course, Mr. Ernest Bevin and his Foreign Office representatives are fully qualified to deal.

Secondly, as it becomes more and more apparent that many of the problems which would ordinarily come into the province of the Foreign Ministers Council are likely to be tackled in Moscow, there is still a tendency to deplore what on the face of it appears to be a return to exclusive "Big Three" diplomacy.

## Dock Strike Threat Re-Emerges

LONDON, DEC. 11. BRITAIN'S DOCKS ARE AGAIN FACED WITH LABOUR CRISIS. LONDON DOCKWORKERS AT A MASS MEETING TO-DAY PROTESTED AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE OF A 19 SHILLING DAILY WAGE, AND CALLED ON THEIR UNION LEADERS TO GIVE A 21 DAYS' STRIKE NOTICE.

The decision of the London Central Strike Committee, which advised rejection of the recommendation to-day, is in sharp contrast to the attitude of all four unions, which have strongly advised the men to accept the new wage rate.

The next move will be on Friday when the delegates conference, attended by representatives from every port in the country, will be held in London. It will consider the Arbitration Committee's recommendation, and will have the power to insist that unions give 21 days' notice of strike action.—Reuter.

## Possession Of Duty-Free Cigarettes

Leung Kan, junk foki, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with being in possession of eight cartons of American cigarettes on board a junk on Tuesday.

According to the prosecution, Chinese Sub-inspector Fong told the Court that during a routine search by the Dockyard Police the cigarettes were found on board accused's junk near Stonecutters. They were wrapped up inside a cotton quilt.

Defendant said he exchanged the cigarettes for four wrist watches, and he did not know it was against the law.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the cigarettes were ordered to be forfeited.

Ngan Ki-yan, who was charged with a similar offence by having in his possession three bottles of Hong Kong beer, a type provided for the Forces, had his bail of \$200 extracted when he failed to appear in Court.

Sub-inspector Fong said that Hong Kong beer is only provided to the Forces and was not for sale at present.

Mr. Kwan said that he had seen restaurants selling a similar type of beer for \$5. "May be they have a permit for them," Inspector Fong said.

The three bottles of beer were ordered to be confiscated.

## Costly Move

LONDON, DEC. 12. Immediate cost of the move of the South-East Asia Command group headquarters from Ceylon to Singapore is estimated at some £300,000, said Mr. Jack Lawson, Minister of War, in reply to a question in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that it was intended that S.E.A.C. Headquarters should remain in Singapore.—Reuter.

## NAZIS HAD DEADLIEST POISON GAS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12. THE I.G. FARBER INDUSTRIAL, GERMANY'S GREAT CHEMICAL COMBINE, DEVELOPED DURING THE WAR AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS THE "DEADLIEST" POISON GAS IN THE WORLD. COLONEL BERNARD BERNSTEIN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY STATED IN WASHINGTON TO-DAY.

Colonel Bernstein made this statement while testifying before the Senate Sub-Committee investigating Germany's war potential.

Democratic Senator Harley M. Kilgore heads the Committee.

In spite of the effort made by the Nazis to destroy plants and stocks before occupation, Allied investigators learned that an I.G. Farben official at Wuppertal-Killbuck had invented a gas capable of penetrating any gas-mask in existence.

The Colonel added: "The German dye trust originally made its poison gas experiments on monkeys and later on human beings."

These gases were not only used on helpless people during the experimental stages but they were later employed with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the I.G. Farben to exterminate whole groups in concentration camps, such as Auschwitz.—Reuter.

## Arabs Rather Deal With Britain Only

CAIRO, DEC. 12. THE ARAB COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ARAB PARTIES IN PALESTINE, ISSUED A STATEMENT TO-DAY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PALESTINE QUESTION IS ONE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND PALESTINE AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE.

THE STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY EMILE BEY EL GHORY, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, ON THE EVE OF THE PAN-ARAB LEAGUE MEETING AT WHICH THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL HAVE A VOTE.

Palestine previously had only observer rights and was not officially a member of the league as a British Protectorate.

The statement says:—"Firstly, the first and final word about the future of Palestine rests with the Palestine Arabs, supported by all Arab nations."

"Secondly, Palestine Arabs deny that any foreign power has the right to dispose of the future of their country."

"Thirdly, Palestine Arabs consider Mr. Bevin's statement as disquieting and a departure from the policy already established by the British Government."

"Fourthly, they request the British Government to reconsider and renounce Mr. Bevin's statement."—Associated Press and Reuter.

## CHIANG ORDERS PUNISHMENT

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day dismissed and ordered "appropriate punishment" for General Kwan Lin-dong, the Chinese Commander of Yunnan Province, for "misconducting the Kunming student incident."

The students in Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, called a strike as a protest against the civil war in China. Four of the students were killed and nine injured by a hand-grenade during a procession.

At one time, the strike affected more than ten thousand students and more than twenty schools.—Reuter.

## Wilderness Capital Of Yen'an

(By John Roderick.)

YENAN, DEC. 11. THIS WILDERNESS CAPITAL OF CHINA'S COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT BUT SELDOM VISITED BY FOREIGNERS. THIS IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF A POWERFUL FACTION WHICH CLAIMS TO SPEAK FOR 100,000,000 PEOPLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE SUCCESS OF THE STRUGGLE TOWARD WHAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SAY IS ECONOMIC EQUALITY AND POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, BUT AFTER ONE WEEK HERE AN OBSERVER GETS THESE IMPRESSIONS:

The press is supposedly free but I found no word of criticism of the Chinese Communist Party. Notable, too, is its unwillingness to acknowledge anything good in the Nationalist Party of Chiang Kai-shek.

Perhaps this is too much to ask from a people who feel they have suffered much in blood at Central Government hands.

The Communists declared their aim is human improvement. They have accepted isolation, hardship and at times possible death for what must often have seemed a futile cause.

People of Yen'an are healthy and adequately fed. There are no beggars in evidence. The crime rate is low. Ideas of the administration seem to be progressive.

Elections apparently are free. The judicial system is humane, aiming at reform rather than punishment only.

Youth predominates in the army and the leaders appear to be resourceful.

Yen'an's ancient walled city is Japanese rubble from the 1938 Japanese bombings, and dwellers occupy countless caves cut into sandy cliffs.—Associated Press.

## A Japanese In London During War

In the heart of London a Japanese, with his British-born wife and family, has lived unmolested throughout the war.

His 21-year-old son, who was to have been married to a charming English girl, was reported missing after an R.A.F. bombing raid over Germany last March.

The father, Mr. Yoshichi Yama, born in Japan 50 years ago, said that he served on Japanese merchant ships in the last war, when Japan was with the Allies.

Mrs. Yama who comes from the Isle of Wight, said: "I am British and the children have British nationality."

Commenting on the scores of pastels and drawings on the walls of their flat, the work of Mr. Yama, his wife said: "Peter, our son, was also a wonderful artist and a musician. I had just sent him his violin. The R.A.F. have found it and are keeping it for me."

Captain H. E. Wright, O.B.E. R.N., Captain Superintendent H.M.S. Dockyard, leaves Hong Kong to-day by H.M.S. "Arcturion."

## Byrnes' Plan For Single Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12. SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES TO-DAY DISCLOSED HE WOULD RENEW HIS PLAN FOR WRITING THE PEACE OF EUROPE IN A GENERAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE BIG-FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE DEADLOCKED ON THE ISSUE LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN FRANCE OBJECTED TO FRENCH AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION OF PEACE TREATIES WITH THE BALKANS.

Byrnes said that Britain was proposing to Russia a coordinated withdrawal of their armies from Iran as soon as possible.

He said that Dr. James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, will be his adviser on atomic energy problems.

Byrnes said that the initial American purpose was to inform Russia about the United Nations Commission agreed by the United States, Britain and

Canada and learn the Russian view.

John Carter Vincent, State Department Far Eastern Chief, will accompany Byrnes.

Byrnes said he will seek Russian cooperation in creating a United Nations Commission on atomic energy controls when he reaches Moscow this week and for the meeting of the Big Three Foreign Ministers.—Associated Press.

## 400 Japanese Face Charges

SAIGON, DEC. 12. After studying the reports of interrogations of over eight thousand Allied prisoners-of-war in Indo-China, the Allied Military Authorities have prepared a "black list" of four hundred Japanese and their allies to be tried on war crimes charges.

In addition, twenty major war criminals will be charged for mass murders.

Of the 400 wanted men, 150 are now imprisoned.

The trials will probably be held on a regional basis.—Reuter.

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## Sad Brides In Britain

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Now, owing to lack of transport, these brides face the prospect of being left stranded here for some time after their husbands return.

Many of the girls have lost touch with their old associations, parted with their belongings, and with resources dwindling, are being charged 25s. for bed and breakfast. They have no prospect of an allowance for months to come.

### ESTRANGEMENTS

In some cases there are estrangements between girls and parents, who disapproved of marriage to a man from overseas, and so they have no home to which they can return.

Prisoner-of-war clubs and similar South African organizations are doing what they can for the girls, but these will shortly be closing down.

An appeal to General Smuts is being considered. Meanwhile, a petition has been sent to commanding officers which points out that "many of these unions, as is well known, were contracted hurriedly, and there has been insufficient time to cement them. To separate husband and wife for an indefinite period now is unfair and most unwise."

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

The United States Army war crimes branch has announced the arrest of ten suspected Filipino collaborators in Shanghai—Associated Press.

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## THE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY

# BRITAIN'S UNENVIABLE TASK

## Government Expecting Dutch To Talk "Turkey" Indonesia Debate In Commons

LONDON, DEC. 11. INDONESIA WAS DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT TONIGHT. THE LABOUR MEMBER, MR. TOM DRI-HERG, WHO VISITED THE EAST A FEW MONTHS AGO, DECLARED: "THE BRITISH PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY AND CONCERN THAT BRITISH AND INDIAN TROOPS ARE ENGAGED AND ARE SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES IN INDONESIA AND FINCHU INDO-CHINA—A WAR WHOSE OBJECT APPEARS TO BE A RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO IN THE DUTCH AND FRENCH EMPIRES IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD."

THERE WAS EVERY INDICATION THAT THIS WAS NOT A MERE TRIFLING OR GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN, BUT SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT.

Mr. Driberg said the troubles that had arisen were not the fault of British troops and Commanders on the spot. They had done their utmost for a solution, but had been handicapped throughout by "intrigues and unwise political directives emanating from Paris and The Hague."

"If it had been left to the judgment and discretion of Commanders on the spot, I believe a amicable solution could have been reached without bloodshed," he said.

Asking what exactly were the British commitments to the Dutch and French, Mr. Driberg said that responsible American newspapers had published fairly detailed accounts of the alleged signing of a pact between the Foreign Secretary and the French Ambassador in London on this matter.

UNENVIABLE TASK  
It might be said Britain had no right to interfere in the colonial policy of other countries. He suggested that they had established such right, because it was their troops who had the distasteful and unenviable task of doing this job and sacrificing their lives, and because the British had shown in their handling of a somewhat analogous problem in Burma that they did at any rate know how to handle such problems in that part of the world.

Mr. Driberg said that one of the crucial points were the terms which the Dutch offered to the peoples of Indonesia. This main point of the offer, which became known about November 6, was that Indonesia was to be a part in the Kingdom. He suggested that this did not correspond in any way to "our Dominion status." There was to be a representative body with a majority of Indonesians on it, and a Council of Ministers under the Governor-General as representing the Dutch Crown.

ALL TOO CLEAR  
Further, this representative body had to deal almost exclusively with the internal affairs of those territories only. The question of suffrage was not cleared up in this remarkable offer. Finally, it was made all too clear that all final decisions on matters of major policy were to be taken at The Hague.

Mr. Driberg commented that he did not think that could be described as an "extremely liberal offer, which goes a long way." "The very least that the Dutch can do now," he said, "is to offer something comparable with Dominion status, and I am not sure that it is not too late. The situation is so vague and hazy."

He suggested that the whole situation might be handled under the transitional security arrangements provided for under Article 106 of the United Nations Charter. The great powers in such a case had the power to co-opt other Powers to join in the discussion.

The whole of the Far East was a real danger area in the world to-day, and he hoped that the British Government was going to

deal with this whole situation with the highest wisdom and statesmanship and with real recognition of the strength of the new forces which had arisen.

### INTERNATIONAL CONCERN

One of the Labour Party's back-bench experts on foreign affairs supported the plea that the matter should be dealt with as one of international concern. It was not fair to ask Britain alone, after six years of war, to bear the material and moral burden of armed intervention in Indonesia.

Major Wyatt (Labour), who had served in India, said that the use of Indian troops in Indonesian affairs had had the most unfortunate effect on public opinion generally in India, as anyone could see who had followed the press in India and the speeches of Nationalist leaders.

He had given them the impression that Indian troops were being used without consultation with the Indian people to prevent the legitimate national aspirations of Indonesians being realized. "That has made Indian leaders feel that this is perhaps a forerunner of our policy towards India, which, of course, it is not," Major Wyatt said.

### REGIONAL COUNCIL URGED

He suggested the setting up of a regional council to deal with affairs in the Indian Ocean area. "We have got past the days when the powers in Europe, or we from Whitehall, can assume to settle affairs for the Far East, or individual countries there, without consultation with the leaders of the countries concerned. If there were a regional council, on which were represented France, Britain, Holland and also leaders of India, Indonesia, Burma, Malaya, and French Indo-China, further occurrences of this kind could be avoided," declared Major Wyatt.

Major MacPherson (Conservative) said the result could not be dictated by means of force. Until the Indonesian Government were prepared to come round to the council table and cease hostilities, we should refuse to enter into negotiations with them," he said.

Mr. William Gallagher (Communist) said that the Indonesians had no such right to fight as the Americans had in the war of independence.

Mr. Evelyn Walkden (Labour) said: "We feel that the Dutch have handled this matter clumsily."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Minister of State, replying to the debate said: "The Dutch took the initiative, and it is up to the Indonesians publicly to meet that initiative with counter proposals. If they so desire, in a spirit of reasonable compromise."

He hoped that Dr. Van Moede, who is now on the way to The Netherlands would be given full authority by his Government at home to meet the Indonesian case in the most concrete and conciliatory terms.

"Meanwhile," there should be a minimum possible delay in clarifying the Dutch terms of November 6 in more concrete terms, and as the basis of negotiations."

### GOVT. DEMANDS ACTION

"We expect and demand that the Dutch and Indonesians should bend down together to adjust their differences on the basis of concrete proposals on both sides without any further delay. The first essential is that both sides should appoint representatives with full powers, who are not in any danger of being repudiated. Meanwhile, the British forces must do what is necessary to ensure the safety of Allied personnel and holdings in the area."

Mr. Noel-Baker said that the only agreements made with the Dutch and French in Indo-China were ordinary civil affairs agreements for the taking over by the British administration of the Allied armies had finished their job."

Mr. Noel-Baker said that he knew the British Government had a sinister second-hand history, and had been used for the suppression of political aspirations for years, but Dr. Sukarno (Indonesian President) was a different kind of man. He was a man who did not use force from his recognized authority. They were hands of leadership, and you couldn't say that for everybody.

## Indonesian Massacre

Batavia, Dec. 12. Extremists have killed all Indonesian Government officials at the Residency at Batam, between Singapore and the East coast of Sumatra, and the island has passed into Moslem control, according to a local newspaper report to-day.—Reuter.

## BRIDGE NOTES

Here's an interesting question occasioned by a player's remark:

West opened the King of diamonds and shifted to the ten of spades, South winning with the Ace. At this point South remarked ruefully, "I guess I should have kept quiet and let them take the rubber," and then he led the five of clubs!

West, Dealer  
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH			
H. J. 4 4			
H. J. 10 9 7 6 2			
D. 5 4			
C. 3 3			
WEST			
S. 10 9 5			
H. A K 6			
D. A K J			
C. Q 9 6 2			
EAST			
S. K Q			
H. Q 8 4 3			
D. Q 7 6 3			
C. 8 7 4			
SOUTH			
S. A 8 7 3 2			
H. —			
D. 10 9 8 2			
C. A K 10 5			

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1NT Pass 2NT 3C  
Dbl. Pass Pass 3D  
Bbl. 3H Dbl. 3S  
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

West went into a brief huddle and finally decided to play a low club. Dummy's club Jack won the trick, and a heart was returned for South to ruff. Declarer then cashed the two high clubs, dummy discarding the losing diamond, and for the next four tricks dummy ruffed diamonds while South ruffed hearts. With nine tricks in South hastily conceded the rest and sat back to await the storm.

He didn't have to wait long. West complained bitterly about South's remark, alleging that only South's pretended distress had induced him (West) to duck the low club lead. South protested that he hadn't expected anything of the sort to happen; that he had expected to be set at least 500 points, and therefore had a right to act miserably; and that if West chose to duck tricks like an imbecile, he was not up to him (South) to protect him from the consequences of his folly.

The argument was presented to

## Jap Imperial Prince Goes Into Prison

TOKYO, DEC. 12. IMPERIAL PRINCE MORIMA NASHIMOTO ENTERED SUGAMO PRISON AT 8:30 A.M. TO-DAY AS THE FIRST PERSON OF ROYAL BLOOD TO BE IMPRISONED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES AS A WAR CRIMINAL SUSPECT.

WITH A FULL DAY TO GO UNTIL THE MIDNIGHT DEADLINE, THE VETERAN OF THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR, DRESSED IN A JAPANESE ARMY OVER-COAT AND CAP AND ACCOMPANIED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JAPANESE CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE, CHECKED IN AT THE PRISON ON TOKYO'S OUTSKIRTS.

Attempts by the Imperial Household to gain a reprieve for the Prince failed when General MacArthur ruled that he must be treated the same as other alleged war criminals. He is the only one of the Imperial Household whose arrest has been ordered thus far.

Nashimoto rose through various important posts in the army to become a full general in 1923 and became field marshal in 1932. He has been supreme war councillor and lord custodian of national shrines for many years.

In a recent Associated Press interview, he described himself as "a field marshal without a command."

Meanwhile, a number of influential Japanese militarist and financial leaders, whose arrests were ordered in MacArthur's Dec. 2 decree, must submit to arrest by sunset to-day.

They included Inosuke Furuno, who headed Domei news agency, and Matsutaro Shoriki, former chief of the criminal section of metropolitan police bureau. Since 1924 Shoriki has been president of "Yomiuri Shimbun," which later amalgamated with "Hochi Shimbun" to become one of Tokyo's three largest newspapers.

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But British naval divers, searching the bottom of Bremen harbour in pitch darkness, working by sense of touch alone, had already removed the firing mechanism from three of these mines and hoisted them safely to the docks.

When a diver locates a mine he comes to the surface and reports its type. Here is an actual report:—

"German C-type mine about 8ft. 6in. long, welded in three places, parachute housing at one end underneath the mine a dead body. Cillian. Turn-up to his trousers."

Race For Atlantic Trade

The work of converting the liner Queen Elizabeth from a troop-carrier will be a race against time. Other maritime countries aim, with new ships, to attain Atlantic supremacy, but they have reckoned without Clyde-side builders, who have already rolled up their sleeves for the job of placing the Queen Elizabeth on Atlantic service in record time.

The 1,018ft. ship will anchor at the Tail of the Bank, Greenock, no later than February, and five months later will be on the Atlantic passenger route. The conversion of the Queen Mary will be performed later at Southampton.

## Swinging Of The Pendulum

Since the Election, Tories and Liberals have taken considerable pains to prove that, in voting for Labour, the mass of the people were not really voting for Labour. The "general idea" is that they were moved merely by what one writer calls "an undefined spirit of unrest," not by any reasoned support of Labour principles.

Those who as you say, it's funny they should make a record poll in favour of something they didn't like.

One favourite explanation is the familiar "Swing of the Pendulum."

In view of the large numbers who are supposed to vote for this and that, it's strange we heard nothing of a Pendulum Movement.

Yet there probably is one. It would be the "Ballot in the Trade Cycle," which they call the "Political Pendulum." It's a harder one to make out, but it's there.

If it's true, it's a hard one to make out, but it's there. It's a hard one to make out, but it's there. It's a hard one to make out, but it's there.

One main opposition argument was that because Mr. Churchill had led us to victory, we must show our gratitude by allowing him to lead us to everything else. It is like saying that, because a policeman saves you from assault and battery, you ought in gratitude to let him run your household, manage your business, and educate your children.

It was left to a minority of the middle-class minority to think that the "Swing of the Pendulum" was a thing to be feared.

The cause of the sudden change in the political opinion of the nation in that way, Service men had little or no knowledge of what they were voting for.

Now, I should have thought anyone who listened to Vox Populi during recent months would have been the impression that the "Swing of the Pendulum" was a thing to be feared.

There were the things they were voting for, and anyone who lived

through the Election without realising it needs—if I may coin a phrase—to wash his ears. But the latter referred to contains an even stranger charge. It complains of—

"The lack of political knowledge which causes them to vote for such things as free medical services and free increased without stopping to consider where the money is to come from!"

Now, it is in just such matters that people like the above writer show abysmal political ignorance. To demand the necessities of life without considering their financial cost shows political intelligence of a very high order. It is to stop to consider where the money is to come from!

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Only political idiots would allow social reforms to be side-tracked because some fool of an expert says there aren't enough tokens of exchange.

To refuse to demand social reform because you don't know the financial mechanism by which they are paid for, is like refusing to ride in a bus because you don't know how the engine works.

And if the people really have learnt to put money in its place, all we can do is lift our hats to their profound political wisdom.

By Yaffe



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All local and visiting brethren on the register are requested to attend a masonic meeting on Monday, 17th December at 5 for 6.30 p.m.

A Christmas & New Year Dinner is being arranged for Saturday, 29th December in the Hall. All brethren intending to be present should send in name and subscription \$6. to the Secretary before the 24th inst.

## NOTICE

**LIGHTERS AND HARBOUR CRAFT—END OF CONTROL**

It is presumed that all lighters and harbour craft in the Colony have now been registered at the Harbour Office in accordance with instructions issued by letter to individual owners. All control over commercial lighters and harbour craft exercised by the L.W.T. Co. and Sea Transport Office has ceased and the practice of users making private contracts and arrangements with owners of craft prevails.

CAPTAIN W. J. MOORE, R.N.R.,  
DIVISIONAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER

## HONG KONG ENGINEERING BOARD

It is desired to make a list of engineering firms with workshops, foundries etc., who are now in a position to accept orders for the manufacture and repair of incidental items and parts for building stores and fittings, such as door and window furniture, parts for stoves and ranges, steel windows, and other items of which the finished articles may be in short supply.

Such firms are invited to make application in writing to be placed on the list being compiled.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Hong Kong Engineering Board, Victoria Barracks and should state in particular the type of work the firm can undertake, their capacity, and whether they have raw materials in stock.

It must be understood that the placing of a firm on the list does not constitute any undertaking that enquiries or orders for work will be made.

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## REPATRIATION NOTICE

No. 47

S.S. "Highland Chieftain" is expected to sail for United Kingdom on or about the 20th December.

The undermentioned persons should stand by and look for Press notifications as to place and time of embarkation

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REPATRIATION OFFICE.  
12th December, 1945.

# R.A.F. Man Anxious To Get Down To It

ANOTHER R.A.F. MAN WHO WAS SERVING AT KAI TAK WHEN HONG KONG FELL HAS RETURNED FROM A JAPANESE PRISON CAMP ANXIOUS TO SETTLE DOWN TO WORK AGAIN IN THE COLONY. HE IS SERGEANT THOMAS BARTLETT, WHOSE WIFE AND CHILD (THEN ONLY TWELVE MONTHS OLD) MANAGED TO GET TO MACAO WHEN HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER.

Sergeant Bartlett, whose U. K. home was at St. Michael's Lane, Bridport, Dorsetshire, was in Shamshuipo prison camp along with about 30 other R.A.F. personnel from Kai Tak, and, like L.A.C. J. R. J. Bashforth, whose story was given recently in the "China Mail," he recalls the epidemic of diphtheria in the camp and how the Jap Dr. Saito threatened to give the British doctors machine-gun bullets if they pressed him too hard for anti-diphtheria serum. He even went so far as to refuse them all facilities for making their own serum.

LUCKIER IN JAPAN  
"When we ultimately got to Japan we were luckier than most prisoners of war," said Sergeant Bartlett. "After a time we were handed over to a factory where I worked in the foundry. We were always desperately short of food."

"The Japs stole any meat that was supposed to be destined for us. All we got were the bones, which we boiled for hours until they were soft enough to eat."

"When we tried to grow vegetables the guards took these

too, and Red Cross parcels were very rarely issued to us although we knew they were arriving all right.

"When we were moved from one place to another the windows of the railway compartments were blacked out so that we could not see the results of Allied bombing—but they forgot the lavatory window, and we all got an eyeful of the devastation."

JAPS APATHETIC  
"The Japs I worked alongside in the foundry seemed apathetic. If they spotted a job nobody seemed to care, and it was easy to sabotage by casting by deliberate carelessness."

"The Japs were fed on propaganda, but they knew what was happening through listening secretly to Russian and American broadcasts, and they always had a fairly good idea of how the Allies were faring."

"Although we were all weak through malnutrition, only ten men out of 500 were allowed to stay off duty through sickness, and Commander Page, a naval surgeon, and other service doctor worked miracles to keep us going."

One of the first persons Sergeant Bartlett met when he reported back to Air Headquarters, Hong Kong, was Warrant Officer A. H. Attenborough, of 46, York Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, with whom he shared a billet at Ruskilp, Middlesex, in 1930, when both of them were apprentices in the R.A.F.

## General Sacked

Chungking, Dec. 12.  
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has relieved General Kwang Lin-cheng as commander of the Kuangtung Garrison for alleged mistreatment of the strike of 6,000 students against civil strife in China. It has been directed that General Kwang be appropriately punished. General Ho Kwei-chang has been named acting garrison commander in Kunming. Associated Press.

## BASKET-BALL MATCH

The Chinese First Army beat Chinese Y.M.C.A. "Y" team by 30 points to 23 in an exhibition basketball game at Bridges Street last night.

Chinese "Y" were leading by 11-10 at the interval. Tang Sik-chiu at centre and Ng Sheung-pak at guard were the best players for the Army team. Luke Take-chung played well for Chinese "Y."

This evening Chinese First Army will meet the Chinese Y.M.C.A. "A" team at the "Y" gymnasium at 6.30 p.m.

## FRIENDLY SOCCER

Through the courtesy of Lieut. Potts of 42 R.M. Command a friendly football game will be played between 42 R.M. Command and Kwong Wah on Saturday at 4 p.m. on the Kwong Wah ground (Cox's Path).

42 Command have a strong side and a number of very good players. Kwong Wah will be fielding the same team which beat H.M.S. Montclair on Tuesday and a good game is anticipated.

## Palestine Committee Planning Talks

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 12.  
THE FIRST MOVE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE WILL BE TO HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS TO DETERMINE ITS PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

INITIALLY, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. 13 OR 14. THE BRITISH DELEGATION WILL MEET IN LONDON AS SOON AS MR. JUSTICE SINGLETON, THE BRITISH CHAIRMAN, IS FREE FROM HIS DUTIES AT THE BIRMINGHAM ASSIZES.

These discussions will be followed by meetings in London, first between the British and United States chairmen and then the whole committee according to British official quarters.

As a result of the planning talks, the joint committee is expected to split into sub-committees, which will visit the various areas laid down for examination in the terms of reference. Apart from Palestine, which is specified by name, it will be for the committee itself to decide which countries it will need to visit.

Point two of the terms of reference, as disclosed by Mr. Ernest Bevin in the House of Commons on Nov. 13 last, states that the joint committee is "to examine the position and prospects of Jews in Europe and to estimate the numbers wishing to emigrate."

NO DECISIONS YET  
So far, informed quarters in London believe that no decisions, even of a tentative character,

have been taken as to which European countries it will be necessary to visit for this purpose. But clearly many countries of Central and Eastern Europe will be concerned.

Until the Committee has laid its plans, it is reliably believed unlikely that co-operation will be sought of the authorities in the countries concerned. If it is to function properly, the Committee will obviously have to seek the co-operation of the various Allied Governments, such as Poland and the Soviet Union, in connection with the position of Jews in the Soviet zones of Germany and Austria before it starts work.

In countries such as Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, where there is joint control commissions, approach will presumably be made to the local Soviet Control Commission representative.—Reuter.

## Government Urged To Turn Back

LONDON, DEC. 12.  
THE COMMUNIST "DAILY WORKER" TO-DAY, IN AN EDITORIAL, URGES THE GOVERNMENT TO TURN BACK FROM THE "FATEFUL COURSE" DECIDED UPON AT SINGAPORE, WHILE THERE IS YET TIME FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INDONESIAN REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT.

"THERE COULD BE NO GREATER MISTAKE THAN TO IMAGINE THAT THE DUTCH RULE CAN BE CLAMPED DOWN AGAIN ON INDONESIA BY FORCE OF ARMS OR THAT THESE COLONIAL PEOPLES CAN BE INTIMIDATED BY A DISPLAY OF FRIGHTFULNESS."

"Britain is to-day being led into a large-scale war against a nation 40,000,000 strong in the same way as the United States has been drawn into the war against the democratic peoples of China."

"But military might cannot set the clock back. The East is on the march. Liberation may be

## Striking Facts On Railway War Effort

SOME STRIKING FACTS, DETAILING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE L.N.E.R. TO BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT WERE GIVEN BY MR. WALLACE ROSE TO THE FELIX-STOWE ROTARY CLUB RECENTLY.

Mr. Rose is the father of L.A.C. John Wallace Rose, attached to the 5025 Squadron in Hong Kong. Here are some of the facts he related:

When war came about one in ten of the L.N.E.R. personnel were qualified in gun training, A.R.P. and fire-fighting. At the end of the war 40,000 L.N.E.R. men were trained in these services.

Armaments: Almost overnight all available railway workshops were turned over to war production. L.N.E.R. workers machined and assembled 350 tanks for Valentine tanks, and also forged and machined no fewer than 54,000 tank shoe tracks. At the Doncaster works millions of component parts were made for many types of aircraft. For the Navy over half a million parts were produced for the Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun, from a specimen flown to this country. For the Air Force they produced 200,000 parts for the Hispano 20 m.m. cannon for fighter aircraft.

Munitions: The Company's works turned over to the production of munitions manufactured more than three-quarters of a million 3.7-inch anti-aircraft and 17-pounder high velocity cartridge cases of six varieties and heat-treated more than 34 million 20 m.m. cannon shell cases.

East Anglian airfields: Over three-quarters of the burden of the Bomber offensive fell upon the L.N.E.R. The quantities of materials required first to make the airfields were colossal. In constructional material and equipment alone, British railways conveyed something like 20 million tons of bomber airfields: 400 special trains conveyed 187,000 U.S. personnel to airfields in East Anglia. A 1,000 bomber strike meant in rail effort 28 special trains conveying 2,000,000 gallons of petrol, and eight special trains conveying almost 3,000 tons of bombs needed for 500 Fortresses and 600 Liberators.

Special trains: In 1944 no fewer than 41,000 special trains were necessary to convey Government stores and personnel.

Enemy action: In common with other railways the L.N.E.R. suffered considerable damage to property and running lines, but in no case was the line out of action for more than a few hours: 226 V.I. bombs fell on L.N.E.R. property and one in seven of the V.I. bombs did great damage to rolling stock track and other property. During the war 115 railway men and women were killed and 700 injured through enemy action of all kinds.

Although the railways came under the Essential Work Order, the Company like other employers, had for the past five years been short of man power. Over 27,000 members of the Company's staff joined H.M. Forces.

The record of the L.N.E.R. Company in war is a record of contribution to its efficiency, high standard maintenance and high factor of safety. When the pages of the history of "our finest hour" were written, the L.N.E.R.'s contribution to the war effort would surely be recorded upon its most illustrious pages—a record that might be envied by others but surpassed by none.

London, Dec. 12.  
Mr. V. K. Rao, adviser to the Indian Government delegation to the Quebec food conference, has left London on his way to India. During his week's stay in London Mr. Rao met Sir Ben Smith, the Food Minister, with whom he discussed food problems in India with particular reference to Bengal.—Reuter.

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# All Set For Chungking Troops To Fly In

## Fresh Chapl

Matayama, Japan, Dec. 12. A young American officer fresh from the States called his men together, pulled out his canteen and said: "Boys, have a drink on me. It's something special you haven't tasted for a long time."

He wasn't fooling at all though it may have looked like it. He had filled his canteen in San Francisco and brought the state-side water across the Pacific free of chlorine disinfectant. Associated Press.

## Empire Labour Party Conference!

Ottawa, Dec. 12. It was announced that an invitation has been extended by the Cooperative Federations (the presentative of the Labour, Farmer and South Parties) for a conference of British Commonwealth Labour Parties to be held in Canada next December.

The National Secretary of the Federation said that they had reason to believe that the invitation would be accepted and added that the British, Australian, New Zealand and South African Labour Parties were certain to be represented.

The Secretary said that discussions were proceeding to extend invitations to India and other parts of the Empire. Reuter.

## SENTENCED TO DEATH

KWANGSUNG, DEC. 12. SIX JAPANESE OFFICERS WHO WERE CONVICTED OF THE KILLING OF FIVE AMERICAN AIRMEN ON M.I. IN FEBRUARY, 1944, WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION HERE TO-DAY.

Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment and two given a term of 20 years' imprisonment. The case will be reviewed by higher authority.

Those sentenced include Colonel Kihato Gishi, senior officer at M.I., Major Otokimi Nakao, Major Chojiro Takarada, Navy Lieutenant Tkyoshi Fuchi, Army Lieutenant Fuhito Mori and Navy Lieutenant Officer Tatanichi Manako.

The accused were charged of having beheaded the American airmen after their bomber had crashed at M.I. Associated Press.

## Nazis Leaders See Their Story On Scene

NUERNBERG, DEC. 12. TWENTY-ONE NAZIS WATCHED SPELLBOUND A FILM RECORD OF THEIR BEING, GOOSE-STEPPING DAYS WHEN THEY WERE RIDING BIG IN EUROPE AND PLOTTING NEW CONQUESTS.

THE FILM, WHICH TOOK UP MOST OF THE SESSION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, WAS COMPILED FROM CAPTURED GERMAN NEWSREELS. AS THE FILM RECORD WAS UNFOLDED IN THE DARKENED COURT-ROOM THE DEFENDANTS FOLLOWED THE GRIM RECORD OF THE NAZIS' RISE TO POWER WITH RAPT ATTENTION.

The sight of Hermann Goering rubbing his pudgy palms together in a self-satisfied manner over the signing of the Munich Pact was too much for some of the defendants who laughed in spite of themselves.

Observers who watched the defendants' reaction, seen by the strong lighting, agreed that they reacted "like a group of school children" at the reminders of their most glamorous adventures.

Goering remarked that if the film could be seen in their entirety "Justice Jackson would certainly join the party."

Joachim von Ribbentrop's eyes filled with tears at a scene showing Hitler speaking and he exclaimed: "Can't you feel Hitler's tremendous personality? For us it is the most fearfully stimulating thing that has happened."

But Goering Hans Frank retorted: "You see that is the man the Germans made a God of."

NOT BAD. Later during a scene showing marching scenes, Admiral Karl Doenitz commented: "Obviously they are the best of the lot." Goering admitted: "Not bad." Rudolf Hess was the most excited of all as his face was shown in close-ups. He tapped his foot constantly to the military marches and clapped his hands soundlessly.

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. THE RUSSIAN CONCESSION TO ALLOW CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOPS TO FLY INTO MANCHURIA WILL ALLOW TROOP LANDINGS AT THE THREE MAJOR CITIES OF CHANGCHUN, MUKDEN AND HARBIN. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS PREVIOUSLY WERE REPORTED CONCENTRATING ABOUT CHANGCHUN AND HARBIN AND READY TO TAKE OVER MUKDEN IF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS ON THE OUTSKIRTS TRIED TO MOVE IN. BUT A CHINESE DISPATCH YESTERDAY SAID THE COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS AT YENAN ORDERED THEIR TROOPS TO CLEAR OUT OF MUKDEN "TO CONSERVE THE STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNIST FORCES."

## GIVE MONTH'S WARNING

PITTSBURGH, DEC. 12. THE C.I.O. UNITED STEEL WORKERS' UNION, CLAIMING A MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY 1,000,000, HAS SET A MINUTE AFTER MIDNIGHT NEXT JAN. 14 AS THE TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL STRIKE OF THE NATION'S STEEL MILLS.

A resolution by the Wage Policy Committee condemned President Truman's proposed legislation for settlement of the dispute by a fact finding board.

The strike would be the largest in American history.

The Union is demanding a \$2 daily wage increase. Large steel firms have stated that they cannot pay the raise without increasing prices, while the government's office of price administration has refused a general price increase. Associated Press.

## Nazi Slavery

NUERNBERG, DEC. 12. EVIDENCE OF NAZI REVELATION OF SLAVERY WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY AT THE TRIAL OF GERMAN LEADERS.

The United States Deputy Prosecutor, Mr. Thomas Dodd, quoted from documents showing the Nazi plan for moving millions of "Eastern peasants" into Germany and exploiting them to the utmost.

Mr. Dodd also quoted a speech by Herr Himmler, in which the latter said that other nations interested him only in so far as they were needed as slaves.

Mr. Dodd will present the second instalment of the grim story of the Nazi slave programme when the trial opens to-day. Reuter.

GOES NOW TO TRUMAN. Washington, Dec. 12. The Senate to-day completed Congressional action on the Bill appropriating another \$550,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

It approved the resolution adopted at the conference at Newport which includes an amendment requesting the President to seek admission of American press and radio reporters into allied countries to report on U.N.R.R.A. activities. Associated Press.

It is reported the agreement does not cover the southern Manchurian port of Dairen, but previously it was reported the Russians had agreed to permit Chungking troops to enter Dairen, which, under the Sino-Russian agreement, will be occupied by both powers.

The announcement said an agreement also was reached on procedure for Chungking to take over local administrations throughout the vast territory whenever Central Government troops land in Manchuria.

Central News quoted Changchun observers as saying it would take a week or 10 days to fly a division of troops into Changchun. It added that personnel of various provincial and municipal governments assigned to Manchuria are now in Peking and will proceed to Changchun.

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The guards intercepted a large group of looters carrying bundles of alcohol away from a warehouse and when an attempt to halt them failed, they opened fire, killing four.

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## THREE DAYS BEFORE

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12. A NAVAL OFFICER TESTIFIED AT THE ARMY'S PEARL HARBOR INQUIRY TO-DAY THAT THE NAVY HAD PICKED UP A TOKYO MESSAGE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK COMMITTING JAPAN TO WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Two copies of the "Winds execute" message was sent to the War Department, the naval officer related, but Army officers testified that they had no record of having ever received it.

This testimony in the Army Inquiry Board report has been hitherto classified as a top secret but is scheduled to be placed in the record of the Pearl Harbor Investigation to-morrow.

Chairman Barkley has authorized its publication to-night. Associated Press.

The coded Tokyo message said "War with England, Russia, America and peace with Russia." The Judge Advocate, Myron C. Cranmer, observed in the Army Board report that neither original nor copies of the message "can now be found in the files of either the War or Navy Department."

The Army Board report said that the Navy captain is purported to have predicted to Secret of the Navy Knox on Dec. 7, 1941, that the intercepted Tokyo message meant "surprise attack on Pearl Harbor to-day and possibly, a midnight attack on Manila." Associated Press.

At Goering's reading of Hitler's laws to the Reichstag.

The Hitler Youth Leader, Baldur von Schirach, depicted as a pudgy young man haranguing Nazi youngsters, complained that the American editing was poor and only the worst parts were shown.

Reichsbank President Hjalmar Schacht appeared moved by scenes showing the construction of super-highways. "Do you see anything wrong with that?" he blurted.

Watching the rallies of the Labour Front battalions, Doenitz revealed that his son served in them and that he was proud of their value.

## Got Tired Of Shamshuipo

Captain J. L. Oule, who is among the Hong Kong business men who have recently returned to the Colony to take part in the task of rehabilitation, is also one of the men of the H.K.V.D.C. who found conditions in Shamshuipo Camp cramped and unsatisfactory and decided to leave.

He escaped early in 1943, travelling through Shanghai and Waichow, eventually reaching Kuming and thence, over "The Hump" to India.

Talking to a "China Mail" representative yesterday, Captain Oule revealed that on arrival in India he joined up as a private, was later promoted to sergeant, and then was given his commission as a member of the Intelligence Corps.

He is now functioning again as the Secretary of Humphreys Estates, Ltd., getting their affairs into order.

Mohammed Ismail, described as a senior store keeper of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with unlawful possession of two revolvers and 17 rounds of ammunition at No. 61, Wyndham Street, ground floor, on Tuesday.

At the request of Sub-Inspector P. J. Waldron, accused was remanded for 24 hours, to enable him to obtain legal advice. Accused was released on bail of \$250.

## BIBLES FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 12. Col. Ivan Bonnet, chief chaplain at Allied headquarters, said to-day arrangements were concluded for sending 2,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments to Japan from the United States.

Printed in Japanese, the scriptures will replace religious literature damaged or lost during the war years.

They are being supplied by the American Bible Society and will be distributed through Japanese Christian churches. Associated Press.

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## Kisses To Cost More

LONDON, DEC. 12. KISSES ARE GOING TO BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN EVER IN BRITAIN THIS CHRISTMAS.

First bundles of misdeeds are appearing in Spitalfields Market. They are £4 each, or about 3/4 a lb.

Shortage of home-grown mistletoe, say salooniers, is because it has had to be cut down from apple trees to allow the maximum amount of fruit. There is little in France this year.

On the other hand there is almost a glut of Christmas trees. In Spitalfields average price for a 6-foot tree was about 8/-.

Ginns were being sold at 16/- to 18/-.

Holly is at present 7/- or 8/- a large bunch. Reuter.

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# India Urged To Pause On Edge Of Tragedy

LONDON, DEC. 12. IF IRRESPONSIBLE WORDS SHOULD RESULT IN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS IN INDIA, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE FORCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND THE FUTURE WOULD BE DARK COMMENTS THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" TO-DAY ON LORD WAVELL'S STATEMENT, WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS NEITHER UNMERITED NOR UNNECESSARY.

UNDER THE HEADING "THE EDGE OF TRAGEDY" THE "PAPER DECLARES THAT THIS TRAGEDY NEED NOT OCCUR. IT ADDS THAT LORD WAVELL 'HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE UNUSUALLY SYMPATHETIC BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN HIS CONCEPTION OF THE BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.'

At the same time, the Indian political leaders would be making a grave error if they supposed that because of this sympathetic attitude, Lord Wavell will be found lacking in decision and, if necessary, is sternness in the face of resort to violence.

Pandit Nehru, in the bitterness of his heart, has said that he is indifferent with what happens to India subsequently as long as the British rule is ended.

It is a narrow and callous view, however, bitter his memories and experience, which may have provoked it. Whatever Pandit Nehru may feel, his indifference to India's subsequent fate is not shared by Lord Wavell or the British people.

There will be and there can be no abandonment of the responsibilities without a reasonable and agreed settlement which offers the prospect of political and economic stability in India.

## SOLDIERS EXECUTED

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. TWO FORMER CHINESE SOLDIERS, ALLEGED THIEVES OF HAND GRENADES WHICH KILLED FOUR STUDENTS AND WOUNDED SEVERAL NEAR KUNMING ON DEC. 1, WERE EXECUTED THERE YESTERDAY, AN OFFICIAL DISPATCH REPORTED TO-DAY.

The two were sentenced to death by a military tribunal headed by General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan.

The accomplice who did not lose his hand grenade was sentenced to a year in prison. The instigator of the incident eluded arrest.

A committee representing 8,000 Kunming students said that classes would be resumed on Dec. 20. Associated Press.

## France As Link

Paris, Dec. 12. General de Gaulle voiced the hope yesterday that France's importance as a natural link between "two great powers of the world"—the United States and Russia—eventually will win general recognition.

He told the nation in a radio broadcast that because of her geographical position, France's role in international affairs should be that of maintaining equilibrium between the East and West.

He made no mention of the Moscow conference of foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and the United States, which has drawn some criticism from the French press because France was not invited. Associated Press.

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(By Laurence Wilkinson, "Daily Mail" Special Correspondent.)

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THESE FOUND GUILTY AT THE NUERNBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS MAY END THEIR LIVES AS DID MANY OF THEIR VICTIMS — IN THE GAS CHAMBER.

THIS METHOD OF EXECUTION — LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES — HAS BEEN PROPOSED AS THE BEST MEANS OF PRESERVING THEIR BODIES FOR AUTOPSY AND BRAIN DISSECTION.

The British, if they follow the precedent set in the case of Josef Kramer and others at the Belsen trial of waiting their claim as military personnel to execution by a firing squad, will recommend hanging.

The Russians, so far as lesser penalties are concerned, are said to recommend that where justified, flogging should be added to imprisonment.

Major Douglas Kelly, Nuremberg prison psychologist, said: "Universities and medical research centres will want to conduct post-mortem, looking for mental or physical abnormalities which would explain the conduct of these men."

In Goering's case, for example, it is possible that some peculiar glandular condition may account not only for his obesity but for his irrational behaviour.

Hess's anomaly is of international scientific interest.

It is hoped in some quarters that if he is condemned to death his execution should be carried out in a manner best calculated to favour such research. Reuter.

## Over Hasty Demobbing

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 12. Rear-Admiral Henry S. Kendall to-day predicted that if demobilisation continues at the present pace, "there will be a congressional investigation within a year because we have not men to properly care for the millions of dollars worth of property we now have in forward areas."

The Director of the Pacific Fleet's transportation of demobilised personnel disclosed at a press conference that the Navy has so far returned 1,400,000 men to the mainland since V-J Day. Associated Press.

## Child Crime

Chicago, Dec. 12. President Truman, in a message to the national police chiefs' convention, called on police speedily to organize a country-wide crime prevention drive to strike at the root of juvenile delinquency, which he described as alarming.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned the police chiefs that "a major crime wave that 'startles the imagination' is sweeping the country, spearheaded by an army of juvenile delinquents." Associated Press.

## American Policy In Germany

Washington, Dec. 12. Secretary of State Byrnes issued a German policy statement to-day, forecasting great hardship for the nation this winter but predicting a slow recovery by spring.

He said the policy is aimed at getting Germany back on her feet economically and industrially by 1948. Under the plan the German standard of living in 1948 will not be allowed to exceed that of its European neighbours.

Byrnes said the policy declaration was forwarded to American occupation authorities in the western Germany zone and to the governments of Russia, Britain and France, the other occupying powers.

The four nations are supposed to work out by Feb. 2 their final programme for removal of industrial occupation authorities from Germany as reparations. The statement of policy opposed any plan "wantonly to destroy German structures and installations which can readily be used for permitted industrial activities or for temporary shelter." Associated Press.

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